

**REMARKS**

In this reply, Claims 1-16 are canceled. Claims 17 and 18 are placed in independent form by amendment. Claims 19 and 20 continue to depend from Claims 17 and 18, respectively.

Amendments herein are in accordance with the requirement set forth by the Examiner.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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